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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed August 7, 2001, applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-11, drawn to a method for recovering mesenchymal stem cells. The election is made without traverse.

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